

Mary Lou DiSalvo

Mary Lou DiSalvo, 76, of Centerville, won her battle with cancer in 2005, but passed away Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, after a valiant fight with cancer for a second time, at her residence. She fought this fight with the strength and determination that she was known for.



She was born, in Minster, a daughter of Charles and Marie (Frigge) Otting, and they preceded her in death.

In 1951, she married Samuel DiSalvo, and through this beautiful marriage of 56 years, three children were born and a loving family was created. He survives.

She is also survived by a daughter, Roxanne DiSalvo; two sons, Samuel DiSalvo, Mark (Alane) DiSalvo; a brother, Charles (Janice) Otting; a sister-in-law, Carol Otting; close family friend Lori Capitola; and six grandchildren.

She came to the Dayton area to attend nurses training. It was during this time she met her husband, Samuel.

She devoted herself to helping others, including tutoring and working for the Centerville City Schools. She loved swimming and dedicated most of her life to teaching swimming through various organizations including The Dayton Boys Club, NCR, American Red Cross, Moraine Natatorium and the Washington Township Recreation Center.

She was most proud of DiSalvo Swim School, a business she created and operated for over 40 years, teaching thousands of children and adults. She touched the lives of many people and her honesty, grace, strength and determination will live on forever.

She was a member of the Church of the Incarnation.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Church of the Incarnation in Centerville. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Dayton Area Red Cross, 370 W. First St., Dayton, OH 45402 and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105.

Tobias Funeral Home - Far Hills was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be made online at www.tobiasfuneralhome.com.